श्री विट्ठलराव माधवराव जाधव : मेरा प्रश्न महाराष्ट्र के बारे में था कि कितना सुधार हुआ है ?

श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी : अभी महाराष्ट्र का नहीं है ।

DR. H. P. SHARMA: Madam Deputy Chairman, one of the major hurdles in augmenting the power picture of the country and as has been accepted by the Government on several occasions is the lack of control or coordination between the Centre and State Electricity Boards. Madam, my question relates to the allocation of responsibility. This ambitious programme of renovation is going to cost the Government some Rs. 400 crores or more. May I know from the Minister who is financing this programme? Is it borne entirely by the Central Government or it is divided between the Centre and the States? Or the Centre is bearing the financial burden and the State Electricity Boards are handling the work of renovation?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: Madam, I think the hon. Member has put a very pertinent question and coordination is an essential part of the entire activity and for his information, I would like to say that C.E.A. has been doing the overall coordination and monitoring of the implementation of renovation and modernisation programme. But these activities are being executed by the concerned State Electricity Boards. Besides this, a Steering Committee has been set up in the Department of Power under the chairmanship of Secretary for overall supervision, monitoring and expediting the implementation of the programme. The representatives of the Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Industry, Planning Commission, BHEL, DGTD are members of the Steering Committee. Therefore, this coordination aspect is being looked after by them.

DR. H. P. SHARMA: They go on sitting in that Committee, but actually the State Electricity Boards are not prepared to listen to the Committee. What is the Government going to do about it?

SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI: They are not only sitting in the Committee meeting but every month and every fortnight at the level of Secretaries even at the Ministerial level, the work carried out is being monitored. We are fully posted with the work and from time to time we see that the work should be expedited.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question No. 187.

Construction of Bakreswar Thermal Plant

*187. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state by when the construction of Bakreswar thermal plant is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): The proposed Bakreswar Thermal Power Project in West Bengal could be taken up for implementation after the funds required have been tied up and investment approval has been accorded.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Madam Deputy Chairman, Government has acquired the latest technology with regard to answering questions, that is, by not answering questions. My specific question to the Ministry is this: I complained of inordinate delay in the sanction of Bakreswar Thermal Power project for West Bengal. I do not know whether it is a political discrimination. This Government is sitting over this project. May I know from the Minister specifically, how long they will take to finalise this project and how long they will take to start the implementation of the project? Madam, as you know, the country is suffering from acute power shortage.

SHRI VASANT SATHE: I have totally refuted the allegation that there is any delay on our part. Madam, actually this is a State project and they wanted to set up a project of about 630 MW which would require about Rs. 700 crores. They did not have the money. They came to

us with a proposal for collaboration with an American Company and Japan Company, M|s. Kulgean Corporation... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: He is speaking partial truth. Partial truth is a lie... (*Interruptions*)... truth has come out.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Madam Deputy Chairman, when the Minister replied...

(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VASANT SATHE: You first listen to me fully. Then I will answer.

SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Right of answer has to be given.

(*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Question hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Loss incurred by HEC, Ranchi due to strike

*182. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to sate:

(a) whether a tripartite wage agreement was announced on May 14 last by the Heavy Engineering Corporation Ranchi but Trade Unions there rejected it and went on a strike from May 16 as a protest; and

(b) what has been the resultant loss to HEC, the steps taken by Government to resolve the crisis and with what outcome?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) A tripartite wage agreement was signed between the management, recognised union and representative of State Government. Some of the registered unions opposed the agreement and went on strike.

(b) H.E.C. has suffered a loss of about Rs. 1 crore per day in terms of value of production during the strike and lock-out period. As a result of an amicable settlement reached on 24-7-87, the lock-out has been lifted and normal operations in all the Plants of HEC have restarted.

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*184. **श्री सुनील कुमार पट्टनायक** : क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि हाल ही में दिल्ली के पूर्वी भाग में आई० बी० पी० के खाना पकाने की गैस के सिलेन्डरों के साथ बिना आई० एस० आई० मार्क के रेगुलेटरों की आपूर्ति की गई थी ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो बिना आई० एस० आई० मार्का वाले रेगुलेटरों की आपूर्ति किए जाने के क्या कारण हैं ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री ब्रह्मदत्त) : (क) जी, नहीं

(ख) उपर्युक्त (क) को देखते हुए प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Impact of the Child Marriage Abolition Laws, etc.

@*188. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any study to know how far the laws abolishing child marriages and the various reformatory measures taken by them have been able to prevent child marriages in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof stating the States where such marriages are still taking place and the measures contemplated by Government to tackle this social evil effectively?

@Previously Starred Question 88 transferred from the 31st July, 1987.